

## **April 3, 2013 SWAC Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Phil Harris, Supervisor, Department of Solid Waste (DSW); Peter Blood, Acting chair SWAC

SWAC members: Bryan Malseed, Dawn Adams, Rich Terselic, Dave Heller

Guests: Laurie Finafrock, Kevin Demosky

The meeting opened shortly after 6:30 PM. The minutes of the February meeting were approved with typographical corrections.

Proposed changes were discussed to the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) necessitated by the new law requiring recycling in multi-family apartments and condos. Language proposed by the Department was approved. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) provided a template for refining language, but regardless of merit of the changes suggested by DSW, MDE will demand the language in the template be used. The Committee approved the language changes and the revisions will go to the county planning folks.

Phil discussed the implementation of the new law. While the law provides for fines, the County has no plans to engage in enforcement activities since the law provides no money to counties for such activity.

The list of properties subject to the law-that was shared with SWAC-is not considered accurate, however, the property owners on that list will be the first to receive notification letters. DSW has also advised some property owners and condo associations that have been receiving free curbside recyclables collection that it will cease and they will have make other arrangements-at their cost.

Dave reported that Montgomery County has specified the types of containers multi-family properties must have, as well as listings of the types of materials to be collected in each. Dawn reported that Montgomery County does have inspectors who can issue violation notices for failure to comply.

Phil reported that Bob Clark had applied for the solid waste industry committee vacancy, but Shelli had not for the large cities vacancy. Rich rotates off in June-term limited. The Committee voted to recommend Bob's appointment.

Elections were held to fill the vacant chair position and Dawn Adams was elected.

Phil commented on the ethics questionnaires sent to Committee members. Rich described a couple problem he observed in filling it out.

Rich moved that SWAC recommend to the BOCC that the county not proceed to seek KAB certification. The motion was approved.

Phil distributed brief summaries of 2 legislative proposals before the General Assembly-a bottle recycling bill law and a proposal to set up a task group to study landfill and related solid waste disposal policy. The Committee voted to send a letter to the Board of Commissioners recommending they not support the bottle recycling bill. A motion to send a similar message regarding the task force bill failed.

The meeting adjourned at about 7:45 PM. The next meeting is June 5.